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REMARKS

The Examiner's Office action mailed September 5, 2003, has been reviewed. Claims 1-46 are pending in this application. Applicants submit the following Remarks in response to the Examiner's Office action. In view of these arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Simmons (U.S. 2,575,980). Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a cutting chain comprising a plurality of cutter links with a strap length joining adjacent cutter links forming an endless chain. The cutter link comprises a pair of side plates, a support member bridging the side plates and, at least one cutting member. The support member has an arcuate support surface to which the cutting member is attached. A drag plate is attached to the support member.

Independent claim 11 is directed to a cutter link for a cutter chain. The cutter link comprises a pair of side plates and an arcuate support member bridging the side plates. At least one cutting member is attached to the support member. A drag plate is attached to the support member.